COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

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PLETTENBERG (Clerk & Recorder)

Commissioner Alan Thompson and Commissioner Howard Lyons

Minutes: Beth Farwell

The Board met with Kelly Ann Morris from the Weed Department in order to award the Herbicide bid for the upcoming season. Kelly stated they recommend awarding the herbicide bid to Hamilton Feed & Farm. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to award the herbicide bid to Hamilton Feed & Farm in the amount of \$4,297.68. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion and all voted "aye".

The Board reviewed the request for final approval of the Sunset Orchards 3, Block 8, Lot 44B AP Minor Subdivision (Smith). Commissioner Chilcott read the memorandum sent by the Planning Department that addressed Condition 5; which requires the applicant to pave the approaches to each lot within the subdivision. It was noted this condition (as noted by the Planning Staff) is not applicable to this particular subdivision because the roads are gravel. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the final plat for this subdivision with the notation that the paving of the approaches is not required. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion and all voted "aye".

The Board made a review of the ballot language for the Water Quality District. Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the ballot language with the concurrence of the County Attorney for the upcoming June 2007 ballot. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion and all voted "aye".

The Board met with Dave Ohnstad, County Road Supervisor to approve the Roadway Improvement Schedule and the 2007 re-surfacing projects. The proposed rate schedule amendment was introduced, along with another amendment to determine prorated assessments. Also, a current assessment schedule for collector roadways; current schedule for local access roadways; comments from engineers and followed by a comparison of road costs from one of their engineers.

Dave recommended having a public meeting after the Commissioners have an opportunity to review the submitted material.

Commissioner Thompson questioned the amended costs. Dave explained there were some elements that weren't originally accounted for and then gave examples of moving fences, mobilization, and gas increases. Commissioner Thompson asked about the cost per mile for the roadways. Commissioner Chilcott asked if a citizen could challenge the average costs that David has provided. Dave replied they could make that challenge. Commissioner Chilcott asked to schedule a meeting for the 10th or 11th. Glenda replied she will set this meeting for the 7th of May.

Dave presented a Grant Submittal application for the Wildfowl Lane Improvement Project (in partnership with the Lee Metcalf Wildlife Refuge), and also MDT Projects that are proposed for bid letting which will include Corvallis behind the school (Old Eastside Highway) and Hamilton North of Woodside.

Dave also submitted an Opinion of Probable Cost for bridge replacement for the Kootenai Creek Bridge along with a draft of petition form and Waiver of Right to Protest for a Rural Improvement District.

Dave discussed the growing problem with roadside trees. He stated that vehicle collisions with trees account for more than 4,000 fatalities and 100,000 injuries each year.

He asked the Board to review these submitted materials and a meeting will be held at a later date for decision.

In regard to the bids for the crawler tractor that were opened on March 21st, Dave presented comparisons of potential resale, auction amounts versus the cost of new equipment. Dave recommended the Commissioners award the bid to Western States with additional recommendations. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the bid from Western States for a crawler tractor with the recommendations Dave included. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion and all voted "aye".

Dave also noted he reviewed the Dust Abatement bids for this season. Dave presented a comparison of last year's bid and the bids presented. Commissioner Chilcott expressed concern in regard to the participant cost. Commissioner Lyons asked how many miles this bid entailed. Dave replied about 30 miles. Commissioner Chilcott questioned how citizens with private roads and driveways become informed. Dave said they would send out a mailer with the information advertising the information. There was some discussion of the delivery of the materials. Commissioner Lyons noted that the truck nozzles are computerized, and they add the footage required to provide additional service to the citizens residing on private roads. Dave stated that he could monitor the amounts required by the citizens to the bid if the Commissioners so requested. The Commissioners agreed to add it to the bid award. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to accept the bid from Melotz Trucking in the amount of \$204,000.00 for the dust abatement. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion and all voted "aye".